

STCG TANK SUBGROUP MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 1998

Welcome/Updates/Announcements (Cathy Louie)

Alex Stone's Replacement

Cathy introduced Steve Skurla, Alex Stone's replacement from Ecology. Steve will represent Ecology, but will not be a Co-Lead of the Subgroup. It was noted that Ecology's project managers for TWRS are Suzanne Dahl and Tony Valero. Introductions were made around the room.

Need for Consistent Participation

Cathy stressed the need for consistent participation of Subgroup members. She wants all voting members or their delegates present at every meeting. If attendance is low in the summer months, we may have fewer meetings then and arrange those meetings around vacations.

Cathy agreed to raise the issue of the lack of HAB participation in the Subgroup to the Management Council. She also took an action to call Ken Bracken and Marv Weiss regarding their participation.

Make FDH a Voting Member?

There was some discussion about making the contractors voting members of the Subgroup. The only issue was whether the Subgroup is supposed to be advising FDH or DOE. The contractors often have near-term pressures that do not represent DOE's longer-term perspective. Cathy will inform the Management Council that the Subgroup unanimously agreed to make FDH (Paul Scott) and PNNL (Bill Bonner) voting members of the Subgroup.

Tc Workshop Results

Cathy discussed the recent Tc workshop that dealt with the risks associated with Tc at a detailed level. This was described by Neil Brown in his presentation to the STCG Management Council on TWRS Privatization using red, yellow, and green lights to categorize risks. A national review panel looked at EMSP Tc research projects, and their report was just delivered. There is considerable uncertainty regarding Tc species and where they ended up in the processing. The assumptions are very conservative due to all the contingencies. Cathy will read the report and provide a better summary at the next meeting. We will make copies of the report for the Subgroup members, and Cathy would like to get their comments.

Potential Geosafe Tour

Paul Scott described a Geosafe tour that he took recently to see a small tank that had been in situ vitrified in place. It is partly excavated so visitors can really see it. Geosafe has gone commercial now and they have a lot of experience. They are using a new technique to melt from the sides in rather than from the top down. Paul will arrange a briefing in ISB-1 by Jack McElroy, followed by a site tour to view the demonstration, either at the next meeting or in the spring. A question was raised regarding whether the Subgroup should try to identify appropriate applications for ISV.

Success Story

Cathy discussed a TWRS success story regarding a chemistry model that was populated with new data from a sludge washing demonstration and saltcake dissolution tests. The model was validated by TWRS Operations and is now being used.

Subgroup FY98 Annual Report to the Management Council (Facilitator)

Numerous changes were made to the draft FY98 Annual Report. The facilitator was asked to compile the changes and send the report out for review.

Subgroup FY99 Work Plan (Facilitator)

It was agreed that the members would review the draft FY99 Work Plan offline and send their comments to the facilitator by October 30.

The Subgroup needs to develop an annual calendar that includes influential events such as the Tank Closure Workshop. The facilitator has an action to produce a draft calendar for the Subgroup to review.

There will be a TFA Kick-Off Meeting in two weeks regarding FY99 plans. They will review the TFA prioritization criteria and weights, and then develop the integrated priority list for the DOE Complex.

Cathy noted that the DOE reorganization for the Office of River Protection (the new name for TWRS) will include a strategic planning function that will be integrated with the technology function.

Action Items

1. Add John Stanfill to the distribution list for the STCG Management Council (facilitator). Done.

2. Raise the issue of the HAB's lack of participation in the Tank Subgroup at the next Management Council meeting (Cathy Louie).
3. Call Ken Bracken and Marv Weiss regarding their participation in the Subgroup (Cathy Louie). Marv Weiss has subsequently resigned from the Subgroup.
4. Tell the Management Council that the Subgroup endorsed making the contractors voting members (Cathy Louie).
5. Provide a summary of the Tc report at the next Subgroup meeting (Cathy Louie). Done.
6. Send copies of the Tc report to Subgroup members (facilitator).
7. Send an announcement to the Management Council and the other Subgroups regarding the availability of the Tc report (facilitator).
8. Put the Tc report on the Management Council meeting agenda as an update (facilitator).
9. Set up a group tour of the Geosafe site (Paul Scott). Postponed until spring.
10. Get inputs from Dirk Dunning for the FY98 Tank Subgroup Annual Report (Doug Huston). Done.
11. Arrange a presentation for the Subgroup on the risks/logics for the TWRS part of *Accelerated Cleanup: Paths to Closure* (Cathy Louie).
12. Arrange a presentation for the Subgroup on the rotary mode core sampler deployment for TWRS Characterization (Cathy Louie).
13. Make sure that ISB-1 White Bluffs Room is reserved for Subgroup meetings for all of FY99 (facilitator). Done.
14. Provide input on the FY99 Tank Subgroup Work Plan to Linda Fassbender by October 30 (everyone). Done by some members.
15. Compile inputs on the Annual Report and send it out before the November 10 meeting (facilitator). Done.
16. Get copies of TFA planning calendar (facilitator). Done.
17. Produce a draft calendar of Subgroup meeting agendas/activities for members to review (facilitator).

Meeting Attendees

John Appel (LMHC)
Bill Bonner (PNNL)
Dennis Brown (DOE-RL/STP)
Linda Fassbender (PNNL)
Ken Gasper (LMHC)
Marcus Glasper (DOE-RL/TFA)
Doug Huston (Oregon Office of Energy)
Cathy Louie (DOE-RL/TWRS)
Vince Panesko (PREC)
Paul Scott (FDH)
Steve Skurla (Ecology)
John Stanfill (Nez Perce Tribe)
Nancy Uziemblo (Ecology)
Joan Young (TRW)

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the ISB-1 White Bluffs Room.